THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Daniel 1; 5.
Devotional Reading: Ephesians 6:10-18.

Standing Alone

Lesson for August 14, 1955

THEN what? What happens next? What is going to happen to me if I don't do what you want? What does "or else—" mean? If the person who asks such questions doesn't get answers he likes, but goes right on in his determined way, we say he is brave. If a man does what he does when everybody else is doing it, when he gets well paid for it, praised and rewarded, we do not call that brave. But when a man does what he does knowing pretty well that he will get hurt because he does it, we call the man brave.

Dr. Foreman

Two Kinds of Courage

There are two kinds of bravery or courage. One we call physical courage, the other is moral courage. The physical hero dashes into a burning building or into a swift river, to save some one else at real peril to his own life. He may refuse to disclose an important secret even though he is being tortured to make him reveal it. The moral hero stands up for what he knows is right even though this makes him unpopular or ridiculous in the eyes of people whose good will he would like to keep. We might say that physical courage is determination in spite of the prospect of bodily pain; moral courage is determination in spite of the prospect of mental or spiritual pain. Sometimes the two are combined in the same act and the same person, as with Daniel in the stories assigned for this week. Moral courage being rather more unusual than physical, let us take a look at that, especially.

Ridicule

Standing with the crowd never takes courage. Standing alone against the crowd always calls for courage, no matter what the crowd is carrying. Are they picking up stones? Then facing them calls for physical courage. Are they laughing their heads off? Then facing them calls for moral courage. The one thing that most people are afraid of more than anything else is being laughed at. Ridicule can be as cruel as any instrument of torture. Even men with a keen sense of humor don't like to be made fun of. Why do people who really know better, who down in their consciences know it is wrong for them to drink, drink and even get drunk all the same? The reason is, they can't stand being laughed at. It takes courage to stand alone against a laugh!

Contempt

Most men do not like to admit having made a mistake. It sounds a little like admitting one was a fool. And it has been observed that most men can more easily admit to being knaves than fools; we would almost rather be wicked than look silly. We can stand opposition more easily than we can stand contempt. But that is exactly what calls for moral courage in the man who stands alone. No one likes to be looked down on, no one likes to be thought of as so stupid or out-of-line that no one will respect him. But that is what young Daniel was facing in Babylon. It is what many today have to face. To take our temperance illustration again: Why do many people drink alcoholic liquors against their better judgment? They can't stand up against the crowd. Within the memory of living men there was a White House hostess who would not serve liquor at State dinners, no matter who was there. Many foreign ambassadors wrote home contemptuously about it; but she stood to her convictions. Not many have courage of that sort.

Loneliness

"Dare to be a Daniel, dare to stand alone!" is easy to sing, hard to do. The sheer weight of numbers overpowers people. They will climb aboard any bandwagon if it looks crowded; they will not venture into a heavenly chariot if they have to ride alone. It takes a little moral courage to stand up and be counted with a minority. It takes a great deal more to stand up and be counted THE minority of One. But such courage is possible. Daniel showed it; he showed that his moral courage was matched by his physical courage. And after all, he was not in the minority after all. God was on his side, or rather he was on God's side; and that made the difference. Many a time a good cause has been lost not by weakness but by cowardice; but on the other hand good causes have been saved by men who believed in their rightness so deeply that rather than deny their faith, they would be buried alive in loneliness.

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Richwood

Richwood, Aug. 9.- "The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbor findeth no favor in his eyes."
—Proverb.

Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and daughter, Judy and Mrs. Virginia Watts and Max Ferguson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin, of Roanoke visited Miss Estella Wooldridge and family Sunday.

G. P. Brannan and daughters Val and Georgia Belle were in Brookneal on business Thursday.

G. T. Marsh, who has been visiting with relatives in Newport News returned to the home of D. A. Pugh Saturday evening.

Misses Nancy and Susie Marsh, of Lynchburg spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Marsh visited Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh and Mr. G. T. Marsh Sunday evening.

Elmer Mays, of Brookneal, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Elder and son, Fred.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Paulett and family and Mrs. Edd Davis and son were in Lynchburg on business on Thursday.

Health and Beauty

"Character is the individuality which is the product of nature, habits and environment; an individual conceived of in the abstarct as a personality embodying distinctive characteristics and habits."

We inherit our natures, but they are shaped and moulded largely by environment. Proper surroundings and teachings in childhood, provided the child has a good inherritance will usually develop him into an individual of good character.

He will be a valuable and useful citizen. He is dependable, sincere and honest. When he sets himself a task, he applies all his energies to its execution, with determination and fixedness of purpose. He may have many difficulties to surmount, but he does not become faint of heart. He refuses to yield to discouragement.

Hate, malice, vindictiveness and treachery are qualities which are not found in the heart of a man with an admirable character. He is patient, understanding and forgiving in his nature.

Not thinking alone of self, he is always ready to share his time and means for the betterment of his fellowmen. He finds contentment of soul, and he is loved and honored by those who know him well, of true and upright character.

The Psalmist says, "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

Now we turn to another picture which is just the opposite. It is a representation of a bad character. Deceit and dissimulation are engraved upon it. We find that, instead of honesty, there is dishonesty, cruelty and unkindness. We turn away from such a character as from a venomous reptile.

None of us is perfect. We are all mixtures to some extent of the good and bad, but we can all strive to supplant the evil traits with the good ones.

FAST RETURN

Santa Paula, Cal.- After selling his home and lot to the high school district here for $16,725, George Whitlock was the highest bidder at the auction for his house. His bid: $760. Although he knows he will have to pay for having the house moved, he will stave a pretty good profit on the deal.

Around Your Home

By Frances Dell

Household pests are not a very pleasant topic to discuss. It is a subject that homemakers must have knowledge of, however.

There is no single insecticide that will kill all types of pests. For this reason identification is the first step. Learn where the insects are entering the house and their breeding spot.

The German cockroach is a common pest, particularly troublesome in the warmer, Southern sections of the United States. They like dark places such as behind sinks, stoves, under cabinets and around pipes. To control cockroaches, spray with a two per cent solution of chlordane.

Ants can breed out of doors and enter the house through very small cracks. They quite often breed behind walls. To control, spray nest, if possible, or entrance with a two per cent chlordane solution. Use a good commercial ant poison that the insects will pick up and carry back to the nests as an everyday precaution.

Silverfish feed on paper products and are often found around book cases. They can be controlled by using a ten per cent DDT powder.

A great deal is written about the control and prevention of [illegible] They are most often found [illegible] wool, mohair or other hair products.

The best preventive me[illegible] seem to be: Sun all woolens packing them for storage— with five per cent DDT—[illegible] ments with moth balls or fl[illegible]

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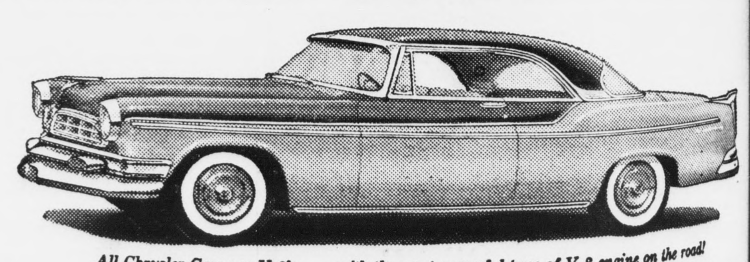

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Homemakers Items

Do housework the easy way. Miss Ocie Jones O'Brien, home management specialist at VPI, has several timely tips to make housework easier and more efficient and increase the homemaker's leisure time.

For instance, a few simple rules will make dish-washing quicker and easier. Wash dishes as soon as possible after use before food hardens. Put cooking utensils to soak after food is removed and while you eat. Scrape dishes, using a rubber scraper, and stack them to the right. Work from right to left to save motion. Rinse washed dishes in very hot water and place in drainer to dry. This saves wiping—you only have to dry the silver and polish glassware lightly.

If each person using the bathtub or basin will clean them after each use there is less work for the person responsible for keeping the bathroom clean. A spoonful of detergent in the bathwater cuts down on bathtub rings and makes cleaning the tub easier and quicker. Keep scouring powder in easy reach of the tub and bowl to encourage family members to use it. Scouring powder on a soapy cloth cleans enamel twice as fast as scouring powder alone.

Washing sheets daily or several times a week, along with bath towels, is easier than doing all the laundry once a week. You won't need as large a supply of bedding either. Save time and work by not ironing sheets and towels. Hang on the line carefully and fold when dry.

Use the extra hours children are home during the summer to train them to be home lovers. Make a game of getting the child to keep a record of the time it takes to do a certain job such as setting the table, washing dishes, or making beds. Be sure an acceptable job is done. Point out the difference between rushing to save time, and planning and working efficiently. Help the child analyze the job to determine how it can be improved.

Children like to take turns arranging cut flowers in the house. Make this a learning experience by teaching the basic rules for flower arrangement.

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AUGUST FORECAST IS GIVEN FOR VEGETABLE PRICES

What about vegetable prices for August?

This is the way Dr. J. L. Maxton, agricultural agronomist at V. P. I., sums it up for the benefit of producers.

With some reduction in acreage of lima beans for freezing, demand for fresh limas should hold prices at $1.50 to $1.75 per bushel.

A slightly smaller acreage of snap beans, with larger yields, should result in production comparable to 1954. Expect $1.25 to $1.50 a bushel.

A somewhat smaller production of beets than in 1954 should keep the prices at about 75c to $1.00 per crate of two dozen bunches.

Heavy supplies of sweet corn may result in price declines to $1.00 to $1.25 per five dozen bag.

Heavy cucumber supplies may reduce prices to 75c to $1.00 per bushel.

Adequate supplies of eggplant in relation to demand are expected to weaken prices to 75c to $1.00 per bushel hamper.

A somewhat inadequate demand is expected to keep prices of onions near $1.50 per 50-pound sack.

Heavy supplies of green peppers may force prices as low as 75c to $1.00 per bushel.

Squash prices will range near 65c a bushel.

Cured Porto Rico sweet potatoes out of storage will bring around $5.00 a bushel. The new crop may decline to $3 by the end of August.

About the same acreage of tomatoes as in 1954, with increased yields, is expected to result in heavy supplies and prices of from 75c to $1.00 a bushel.

Overlapping of producing areas and heavy shipments of watermelons in August may result in prices of from 15c to 30c for U. S. No. 1 grade of 32 pounds average weight.

DROP IN ENROLLMENT

The latest statistics from the VA Regional Office in Roanoke show a drop of 2,502 in the number of veterans enrolled in Virginia colleges this summer. From a high of 4,038 last spring the attendance and universities in the state fell to 1,536 veterans pursuing summer school courses, including veterans who are following the plan which permits teaching during the winter months and earning degree credits during the summer.

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TO RESTORE OLD VIRGINIA GAZETTE OFFICE

Williamsburg, Va.- The Virginia Gazette Office, where George Washington's Journal, his first official report, was pubilshed and site of one of colonial America's earliest and most influencial newspapers, will be reconstructed here, Kenneth Chorley, President of Colonial Williamsburg announced.

The original Virginia Gazette property, Mr. Chorley said, has been acquired under a 100 year lease from its owner, Mrs. Virginia B. Haughwout. The newspaper office will be reconstructed on its original foundations, duplicating the 1730 shop of William Parks, founder of the Virginia colony's first newspaper. In newspaper annals, Parks is ranked with Benjamin Franklin, John Peter Zenger and William Bradford. With Franklin's help and encouragement, he also established the first papermill in the colony.

"When completed, the Virginia Gazette Office will be dedicated to the principle of the free press," Mr. Chorley stated. "Since civilization began, the communication of ideas has largely depended upon the written word. The 18th century printers in Williamsburg served that need at a time of great moment, when political democracy, free speech, a free press and freedom of religion were but fledgling ideas."

An important document printed in the Virginia Gazette shop was George Washington's Journal, published in 1754. Colonial Williamsburg recently acquired an original edition of the now rare Journal, an account of young Washington's expedition to the disputed Ohio Valley. It was his first published writing. Here also was published the historic Virginia Resolution for American Independence; the Virginia Declaration of Rights, forerunner of the present Federal Bill of Rights; Patrick Henry's denunciation of the Stamp Act; the news of the battle of Lexington and the Declaration of Independence.

The Gazette will be exhibited as a working colonial printing office in which authentic 18th-century presses will be hand operated once again.

In FASHION now

The new fall and winter jewelry looks wonderful if you choose it in a different shade than what you are wearing. Reds and pinks together are exciting in big, bold-cut stones.

Clear, clash colors are becoming more popular. Chandelier-type jewelry will be found not only in earrings but massive, beautifully work ed necklaces. These necklaces will be an outstanding fashion note.

In jet, crystal, pearls the drippy look is it. Specially designed jewelry for wear in the back of your costume is being created. Many of the new designs have detachable parts to make possible a variety of arrangements.

Large pearls are going to be worn with evening and morning clothes. Large, round, dull - finish pearls worn with one of the new stand-away type necklines will be very fashionable.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

Veterans who bought homes in 1954 with GI loans had an average yearly income of $5,780, a Veterans Administration study disclosed.

According to the study, veterans on the average paid $11,640 for their homes and obligated themselves for an average monthly housing expense of $95.15.

Veterans at the time of their purchases had an average of $2,000 in liquid assets and made an average down payment of $1,100. The average age of these veterans was 32 years.

These facts were taken from a sample study of the financial characterists of 407,000 GI home loans made by private lenders and guaranteed by VA.

Approximately 60 per cent of the loans sampled were made on new homes and the remaining 40 per cent on existing homes. Two out of every five new home loans and one out of every five existing home loans were made with no down payment.

Of the new home loans made with down payments, the average down payment was 11 per cent, as compared with an average down payment of 15 per cent on existing home loans made with down payments.

Prices paid for new homes ranged from $3,000 to $53,000, averaging $$11,900 per home. Prices of existing homes ranged from $2,000 to $40,000 and averaged approximately $1,000 less than the price of new homes.

The average purchase price of homes bought with no down payments was $2,000 less than the average price of homes on which down payments were made.

More than a third of the mortgages on new homes had 26- to 30-year maturities as compared with approximately one-twelfth of the mortgages on existing homes.

Chick Chats

Range Birds Need Care

Foxes love chicken dinners .... along with your family. The fact that they do means that the fox sometimes gets the chicken and you do without.

This is the time of year when chickens on the range usually lack protection. While outside they have little protection against predatory animals like the fox. This fact combined with the rush of work usually going on at this time of the year often adds up to a dinner for some animal and a loss of a good broiler or layer in the fall.

How to combat these animals that prey on chickens and turkeys has been a problem for the grower at all times. Some ingenious methods have been worked out by chicken raisers to solve the problem. Here's what a Canadian poultryman did .. he swears it works fine.

This poultryman used about 40 gallons of old engine oil. He mixed this with a gallon of turpentine. Using this mixture, he sprayed an area underneath each of the fences on his range. This was applied in early June. Later in the summer and fall, he sprayed the same area again. He says he saw many foxes in the area of the range, hunters bagged quite a few nearby, but none crossed the sprayed area to make off with any of his chickens.

Build Fences

You might have to build fences to protect your flock against such animals as skunks and dogs if you have them in your area. About the only thing that you can provide in the way of protection against rats and weasels is to eliminate all the hiding places around your premises and follow a rat-control program.

It will pay you to get rid of rats for they probably are more expensive than you think they are. In a year's time they can eat enough feed to cost you up to 25 cents a bird in feed lost. And you don't want to forget that these rats are filthy; they are responsible for spreading germs and disease. If they eat feed from your range feeders, drink from the range waterers, they may contaminate your whole flock. If you see any around your flock, get a good rat killer.

One way to catch and kill hawks and crows is to set "jump traps" on tall fence posts or other poles near the brooder or range house. When the attacking birds alight on the posts, the traps will get some of them. You can then hang the dead birds on the fences to frighten away the rest of the attackers. Keep your eye on your birds this summer, it will pay in having more birds alive by fall.

STATE EMPLOYEES WILL RECEIVE RAISES IN PAY

Pay raises averaging about 10 per cent for 4,375 state employeed clerical workers have been authorized by Governor Stanley. The increases became effective August 1, and will cost the state about $950,000 per year.

The raises were recommended by the Division of Personnel after several weeks of study.

Governor Stanley agreed to supply $385,607 of the cost from the salary adjustment fund which he controls. The remainder of the cost will come from special funds set aside for the agencies which employ the affected workers,, most of them in Richmond.

Higher salaries will go to employees in 16 different job classifications, ranging from clerk - messengers to bookkeeping machine operators and accountants.

Individual employees will receive booosts of from $150 to about $200 per year.

Personnel Director Harris Hart in a report to the Governor, said the increases were necessary because the salary ranges "have fallen behind the area rates"— the amounts being paid for similar work by private industry and the Federal government.

Also cited as reasons for the increases were recent increases for Federal employees and the relatively high rate of turnover among the state's clerical employees.

Still under consideration are increases, already recommended by the Personnel Division, for more than 1,600 attendants for the state's mental hospitals.

The Governor's salary adjustment fund, which amounts to about $750,000, may be a source of some of the needed money for the increases for attendants.

Another source being considered is money already appropriated to the Department of Mental Hygiene and Hospitals for other purposes.

The original study of clerical employee's salaries did not include the accountants. But increases were granted upon the recommendation of the Personnel Division which said the work of accountants was so closely related to the work of some of the other employees receiving increases that it would be unwise to raise salaries in one classification without granting increases in the other.

Appomattox is a growing town.

DEATHS

MRS. ELIJAH L. SMITH

Mrs. Berta W. Smith, 74, widow of Elijah L. Smith, died at noon on August 5, at Lynchburg General Hospital, following an illness of two weeks.

Born in Appomattox County, she was the daughter of the late William W. and Blanch Layne Wright. She was a member of Memorial Methodist Church.

She is survived by eight sons, Willie E. Smith, Richmond; Edward and Jake Smith, Ashland; Bennie Smith, Smithfield; Wesley Smith, Portsmouth; Richard Smith, Lenoir, N. C.; Robert Smith, Pleasant Plains, Ohio; and Jerry Smith, Appomattox; two daughters, Mrs. Dewey Ferguson, Lynchburg, and Mrs. Leslie B. Goodrich, Appomattox; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Stella Brooks, Lynchburg; a brother, Eddie Wright, Norfork; two sisters, Mrs. R. H. Ferguson, Lynchburg, and Mrs. Joel Morris, Stapleton; 22 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon from the Memorial Methodist Church by the Rev. Lee Richcreek, pastor, assisted by Dr. Carl A. Collins, Jr., of the Liberty Baptist Church and the Rev. John L. Suttenfield, of the Fairview Christian Church, Lynchburg. Musical selections were provided by a duet from Memorial Methodist and a quartet from Fairview Christian. Burial was in Liberty Cemetery. Pallbearers were Earl Smith, Randolph Ferguson, Bennie Smith, Jr.; Buddy Smith, Horace Jones and Holmsey Inge, Jr.

MR. ARTHUR C. CYRUS

Arthur C. Cyrus, 70, farmer, Rt. 2, Concord, died Thursday night in Lynchburg General Hospital, after an illness of two weeks. He was born in Appomattox County, May 8, 1885, son of Richard and Mandy Moore Cyrus. He was a member of the Reedy Springs Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Mayberry Cyrus; five daughters, Mrs. Walter Grishaw, Mrs. Lucille Mullins Mrs. Hunter Mayberry and Mrs. Richard Sweeney, all of Appomattox; and Mrs. Charlie Mayberry, of Concord; five sons, Alex R., Herbert and Clayton Cyrus, of Concord; Harry and Milton Cyrus, of Appomattox; a brother, Wince Cyrus, of Lynchburg; 24 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from Reedy Springs Baptist Church Saturday at 3:30 P. M., by the pastor, the Rev. L. Preston Brown, assisted by the Rev. Floy Cox. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Howlette Drinkard, George Perdue, Wilton Routon, Wallace Bondurant, Shelton Routon and Wilson Gowin.

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MRS. HENRY H. GOIN

Pamplin, Aug. 8.- Mrs. Allie Meady Franklin Goin, 80, widow of Henry Harrison Goin, died today at 12:35 P. M., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Richardson. She had been in declining health for the past seven months.

Born in Appomattox County May 1, 1875, she was the daughter of the late John and Elizabeth Goin Franklin.

In addition to Mrs. Richardson, she is survived by five other daughters, Mrs. Lewis Dickerson, Mrs. George Sadler, both of Pamplin; Mrs. Willie Orange, of Evergreen; Mrs. John Fulcher, of Prospect; Mrs. Julian Glover, of Crewe; and by four sons, Herbert Goin, David Goin, Doctor Goin, all of Pamplin, and Ernest Goin, of Appomattox; a sister, Mrs. Bernice Murray, of Lynchburg; and three brothers, Walker Franklin, and Tom Franklin, of Lynchburg, and Wesley Franklin, of Petersburg; 38 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2:30 P. M. at the Rocks Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. W. M. Black and Dr. Carl A. Collins. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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